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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH GUINEA

THE FONOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUINEA ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BEGIN IN ROME EITHER LATE THIS WEEK OR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK (I.E. BETWEEN FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 7). LEADING THE FRG DELEGATION WILL BE THE FONOFF'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE THIRD WORLD, DR. LAHN, ASSISTED BY THE HEAD OF THE WEST AFRICA DIVISION, WEVER. GUINEAN SIDE WILL BE LED BY AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, KEITA.

2. THE GERMANS ARE UNCERTAIN OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. ESSENTIALLY, THEY DEPEND ON: A) GUINEAN REACTION TO FRG REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN, I.E. GUINEAN ACCEPTANCE IN SOME FORM OF BONN'S RIGHT TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN; AND B) GUINEAN EXPECTATIONS WITH REGARD TO AID. WITH REGARD TO THE FIRST POINT, THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS WILL DOUBTLESS DEPEND TO SOME DEGREE ON HOW THE GDR IS USING ITS INFLUENCE IN CONAKRY AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE WOULD NOTE IN THIS
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CONNECTION THAT THE FRG APPARENTLY HAD NO TROUBLE OVER

THE BERLIN ISSUE WHEN IT RECENTLY RE-ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CUBA. SO FAR AS AID IS CONCERNED, OUR CONTACTS POINT OUT THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BUT NOT AS A CONDITION TO IT.

3. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GERMANS ARE IN NO PARTICULAR HURRY TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH GUINEA AND THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO HOLD FIRM TO THEIR POSITIONS ON BERLIN AND AID.
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